



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held December 2, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following item continued from previous meetings for further discussion and action by the Board, was called up:

Continuance of local emergency as a result of flooding in the Cities of Los Angeles, Compton, and the unincorporated areas of Watts and Willowbrook as proclaimed by the Chair on November 12, 2003 and ratified by the Board on November 18, 2003.

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“On November 18, 2003, this Board ratified the proclamation proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to the severe flooding which occurred in my District on November 12, 2003, which affected the cities of Los Angeles, Carson, Compton, Lynwood and South Gate, and the unincorporated areas of Rosewood and Willowbrook. When the proclamation was ratified, the County’s Office of Emergency Management, which has provided the administrative and coordination support for services in this emergency, did not have sufficient damage information and data from all affected jurisdictions to determine whether the County could pursue Federal assistance. This information has since been gathered and in order to qualify for Federal assistance, a clause must be added to a revised Proclamation which requests that the Governor of the State of California request the President of the United States to declare the existence of a disaster.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the attached revised Proclamation which confirms the existence of a local emergency on November 12, 2003, when the cities of Los Angeles, Carson, Compton, Lynwood and South Gate, and the unincorporated areas of Rosewood and Willowbrook experienced flooding which resulted in conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property; and
2. Ordered that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California requesting that he request the President of the United States to declare the existence of a disaster in Los Angeles County.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Administrator, Office of Emergency Management



County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Social Services

Bryce Yokomizo
Director

November 24, 2003

TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: AFTER STORM ONE STOP EMERGENCY CENTER

This is to provide your Board with a summary of our disaster response activities following the rainstorm that inundated specific communities in Los Angeles County on November 12, 2003, causing unprecedented flooding in the South Central and Watts/Willowbrook areas. On Friday, November 14, 2003, at the request of the Second District, DPSS opened a one stop Emergency Services Center to provide disaster-related relief for storm victims at 1326 W. Imperial Highway, Los Angeles (DPSS Southwest Special District Office).

CENTER OPERATION AND SERVICES

The center operation spanned a period of four consecutive days (November 14-17). The Emergency Center was well represented with County and City disaster relief partners including the Chief Administrative Office, County Health Services, Public Works, Mental Health, Children and Family Services, Community and Senior Services, Consumer Affairs, Environmental Health, the Assessor, City Water and Power, and Building and Safety. Southern California Edison, Info Line, Salvation Army, and the American Red Cross also participated.

On Saturday and Sunday, we expanded the DPSS outreach by extending emergency processing at both our Compton and South Central offices. A total of 17,008 participants received disaster assistance/information referral from the DPSS locations, with the vast majority seeking replacement or expedited Food Stamps. Although the lines were difficult to control at times, our County police did an excellent job of crowd management. Each person received individualized screening and assessment in order to evaluate both immediate and long-term needs.

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On Friday and Saturday, the Department of Community and Senior Services operated a food distribution center at the Florence/Firestone Community Center where 1,580 families were serviced (8,848 individuals). In addition, at the Locke High School Shelter, the Red Cross opened 50 family service cases and issued over \$15,000 in direct aid. The Salvation Army also issued \$20,000 in vouchers to needy families to replace losses to household items, appliances, and clothing. Tzu Chi, a Buddhist relief organization, issued over \$21,500 to 76 families.

FOLLOW-UP/HOT LINE

In order to continue to meet residual/unmet disaster information and referral needs, DPSS implemented a telephone hot line operation late Monday, November 17th. Over 400 calls have been received, and hot line staff will continue to provide resource referrals as well as linking callers with community agencies/providers.

This collaboration was very successful in providing substantive relief to flood victims and families. Over 300 county staff worked tirelessly throughout the weekend until all eligible participants had been served. The commitment and caring service of all participating County departments was evident throughout the four-day operation.

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